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SUBJECT: THAI GOVERNMENT VS. THAKSIN: ARREST WARRANTS, PASSPORT REVOCATION, AND OVERTURE TO NICARAGUA

REF: A. MANAGUA 402 (THAKSIN'S NICARAGUAN PPT) (NOTAL)

[1](#)B. 08 BANGKOK 3167 (THAKSIN CONVICTED) (NOTAL)

[1](#)C. 08 BANGKOK 2427 (THAKSIN FLEES) (NOTAL)

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Classified By: DCM James F. Entwistle, reason: 1.4 (b and d).

SUMMARY AND COMMENT

- [1](#)1. (SBU) The RTG has formally informed the Embassy via diplomatic note of new measures against former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra: the i
- [1](#)2. (C) Comment: Thaksin's return to Thailand could prove problematic for the government, energizing his supporters and possibly leading to fur

MFA CORRESPONDENCE ON THAKSIN

[1](#)3. (SBU) The Embassy has received from the MFA the following documents, whose texts we provide below:

- Diplomatic note on arrest warrants for Thaksin.
- Aide-memoire to the Nicaraguan government on Thaksin's status.
- Diplomatic note on the revocation of Thaksin's passports.

ARREST WARRANTS

[1](#)4. (SBU) The text of the Thai diplomatic note on Thaksin's arrest warrants and its attachments follow:

BEGIN TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE:

No. 0805/285

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions in Bangkok and has the honour to forward herewith, for the latter's perusal, copies of two arrest warrants issued against Police Lieutenant Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra, together with unofficial English translations thereof, namely

- [1](#)1. arrest warrant No. 10/2551 issued by the Supreme Court of Justice's Criminal Division for Persons Holding Political Positions against Police Lieutenant Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra dated 21 October 2008;
- [1](#)2. arrest warrant No. 985/2552 issued by Criminal Court against Police Lieutenant Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra dated 14 April 2009.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions in Bangkok the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
18 April B.E. 2552 (2009)

END TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

BEGIN TEXT OF MFA'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
OF ARREST WARRANT 1 (EXCERPT):

Arrest Warrant
Case Black No. OrMor 1/2550
Case Red No. OrMor 1/2550

IN THE NAME OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING

No. 10/2551
THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE'S CRIMINAL DIVISION
FOR PERSONS HOLDING POLITICAL POSITIONS

21 October B.E. 2551 (2008)

Between

The Attorney General
PROSECUTOR

and

Pol. Lt. Col. Thaksin Shinawatra, the 1st
Khunying Potjaman Shinawatra, the 2nd
DEFENDANTS

Issued to: The Commissioner-General, Royal Thai Police

WHEREAS, Pol. Lt. Col. Thaksin Shinawatra, the 1st Defendant in this case, is convicted of the offences under Section 100

(1) paragraph three and Section 122 paragraph one of the Organic Act on Counter Corruption B.E. 2542 (A.D. 1999) and sentenced to imprisonment of two years and he fled away and has not yet served the sentence;

THEREFORE, you are ordered to arrest Pol. Lt. Col. Thaksin Shinawatra, the 1st Defendant, of Thai race and nationality... and bring him to this Court within the 10 year statute of limitation as from 21 October 2008 (B.E. 2551) for further proceedings in accordance with the laws.
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END TEXT OF MFA'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
OF ARREST WARRANT 1 (EXCERPT).

BEGIN TEXT OF MFA'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
OF ARREST WARRANT 2 (EXCERPTS):

Arrest Warrant
for Court use
No 985/2552

Under His Majesty the King
Criminal Court
14 April 2009 (B.E. 2552)
Criminal Case

Inquiry officer of the Metropolitan Police Bureau (Police
Major General Amnuey Nimmano), the Claimant

Addressed to the Command in chief of the Metropolitan Police
Bureau

Whereas Police Lieutenant Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra, the first alleged offender, has been charged of committing the offenses of illegal assem

You are therefore to arrest Police Lieutenant Colonel Thaksin Shinawatra... And deliver this person to the Dusit Police Station of the purpose
...

Offense: committing verbal acts to give information to the people so as to cause the latter to break the laws of the Kingdom.

Date/Month/Year and Place of Scene of Action: 9 April 2009 (B.E. 2552) at Sub-district of Dusit, District of Dusit and Sub-district of Thung Ph
...

Descriptions
Height: approx 175 cm, Weight: approx 75 kg, Blood Group:-
Body: moderate-sized
Complexion: White-Yellow
Facial Features: Square
Hair: Wavy, Black
Forehead: Wide and Straight
Eyebrow: Thin and Separated
Eyes: Double Layers
Ears: Triangle
Nose: Curved Bridge of Nose
Mouth: Thin and Wide
Chin: Straight
Accent: Central
...

END TEXT OF MFA'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
OF ARREST WARRANT 2 (EXCERPTS).

THAKSIN'S STATUS IN NICARAGUA

15. (SBU) The MFA provided us with a copy of an April 17 aide-memoire that the MFA prepared for the Nicaraguan government (and asked that we be discreet about the fact they shared it with us). The text of that aide-memoire follows:

BEGIN TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE:

Aide-Memoire

- 1) With reference to Press Release issued on 15 April 2009 by the Coordinator of the Council of Communication and Citizenship of the Republic c
- Mr. Thaksin Shinawatra was convicted and sentenced to 2 year imprisonment by the Thai Supreme Court's Criminal Division for Holders of Politi
- Presently, Mr. Shinawatra is now also under the arrest warrant of Thai court on the charge of inciting unrest and riots in the Kingdom of The
- The Royal Thai Government has revoked his diplomatic passport since 12 December 2008 and his ordinary passport since 12 April 2009. The decis
- The Royal Thai Government has accordingly informed all countries with diplomatic relations with Thailand of such revocation.
- Under Thai laws and regulations, Mr. Shinawatra still retains Thai nationality and in principle Thai law does not recognize dual nationality.
- 2) In connection with the grant of diplomatic passport and accreditation as Ambassador in Special Mission by the Government of Nicaragua, the F
- 3) In view of the friendly and long-standing diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Nicaragua, the Royal Thai
- To ensure that Mr. Shinawatra does not, from within the territory of Nicaragua, engage in any activities that are inconsistent with Thai laws
- To inform the Royal Thai Government of Mr. Shinawatra's whereabouts and, if he resides in Nicaragua, to assist the Royal Thai Government in h
- To start negotiation with the Kingdom of Thailand, at the earliest opportunity, with a view to concluding an extradition treaty between the t

The Royal Thai Government
Bangkok
17 April B.E. 2552 (2009)

END TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE.

16. (SBU) Note: The aide-memoire errs in asserting that Thaksin fled after his sentencing. In fact, Thaksin fled in August 2008 while his trial

PASSPORT REVOCATION

17. (SBU) The MFA provided us with a diplomatic note confirming the revocation of Thaksin's Thai passports. The text follows:

BEGIN TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE:

No. 0305.1/C.8347

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions and Consular Representatives in
To this effect, Pol. Lt. Col. Dr. Thaksin SHINAWATRA no

longer holds any Thai passports as of 12th April 2009.

The Ministry has further the honour to inform the latter that this information has already been conveyed to the host governments through the Royal Thai Embassies and the Royal Thai Consular Missions. However, the Ministry would highly appreciate it if the latter would also kindly convey the said information to their respective capitals.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions and Consular Representatives the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
20 April B.E. 2552 (2009)

END TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

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